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Christensen delivers annual convocation address to university



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Interim Chancellor John Christensen speaks at the 2006 UNO Convocation Address on Oct. 11. His speech, entitled "A Snapshot in Time: The State of the University, October 2006," touched on the athletic department funding as well as UNO's academic and outreach achievements. The University Choir and University Wind Ensemble both performed during the address. Convocation was immediately followed by the dedication ceremony of the Dr. C.C. and Mabel L. Criss Library. The full audience in the recital hall of the Strauss Performing Arts Center included several local dignitaries including University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken and members of the NU Board of Regents.

Library dedication ceremony highlights local philanthropy

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UNO cut the ribbon Wednesday, welcoming the newest member of the campus: The Dr. Guinter Kahn Addition to the Dr. C.C. and Mabel L. Criss Library.

Interim Chancellor John Christensen addressed a crowd at a dedication ceremony, noting that UNO has been central to the city and the library has been central to the campus.

He said the library's new addition represents an evolution of the traditional library to support the revolutionary changes in how we find and process information. The library is now equipped with specialized study areas that are conducive to research.

"It's now the social center of the campus where people can study and advance their education in a building that is probably second to none," said Stanley Davis, a friend of Kahn.

The ceremony lured many listeners, faculty, principal benefactors and members from the community who helped make the project possible.

"John Neiman and Terry Fairfield were behind the university foundation and originated the idea for this project and were responsible for getting the donations, which were vital for financing," said Davis.

The Dr. C.C. and Mabel L. Criss Foundation, formed in 1978, was one of the principle benefactors in the library renovation. The foundation has supported educational and scientific

projects, including higher education, cultural youth and social service activities. The foundation's generosity allowed the library to be transformed into a state-of-the-art facility providing students with better learning tools, according to a booklet distributed at the ceremony.

Kahn, inventor of Rogaine and an Omaha University alumni, was another principle benefactor of the library's renovation. His belief in higher education and passion for tolerance, understanding and knowledge enabled him to contribute a large donation to support the UNO Library and its expansion project.

"If Guinter were here today and knew Dr. Christensen would say to him, 'thank you,' I know what his words would be, and he would say, 'No. Thank you,'" Davis said.

The Dr. Guinter Kahn Addition is approximately 31,000 square feet and budgeted at \$6.5 million for construction and furnishings. The library is equipped with nine group study and seminar rooms, a café seating up to 70 people and 436 new study seats. The bookshelves are lighted and there are nearly 200 additional network computer connections and wireless services throughout the addition.

"A library defined as a place where you store books is just a misnomer for this facility. As you look around it's clear that this is all about learning, meetings, study groups and electronics—a media center," said Regent Drew Miller.

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UNO Bell Tower Challenge: Organizations race to raise food for needy

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UNO students, faculty and staff joined together to raise food for the Omaha Food Bank during an annual event under the Henningson Memorial Campanile Wednesday.

David Corbin, a health education professor, started the food-drive as a way to help those in the community. The event started small, he said, but since its creation more than 33,000 pounds of food has been donated to the Omaha Food Bank.

This year's donations totaled 3,669 pounds of food. Eta Sigma Gamma, an honorary health sciences organization, sponsored the event.

On Oct. 18, eight teams met at the bell tower at noon to see how many cans they could stack on top of each other.

There were three categories in the contest in which diverse teams including all-student groups and a Faculty Senate team could compete. More than 50 students, faculty and staff were competing at the food drive.

"There are three categories: the most cans stacked, most enthusiastic and most creative," said James Adams, one of the event's judges. "The Wolf Pack usually wins the most, maybe this year they'll have a couple awards."

The Wolf Pack, an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps team, had the most members, with more than 20 participants. They won the most cans award with more than 100 cans of food. For each of the 13 years the event has been held, the AFROTC team has won most cans each time. AFROTC also won most enthusiastic, while the Maverick athletic trainer students won most creative.

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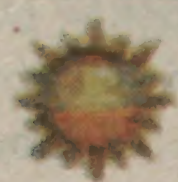


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The campus recreation student group sets up their display of cans while the bell tower tolled noon.

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Students celebrate personal struggles during coming out week rally

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National Coming Out Week was recognized by ABC Soup, UNO's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex

campus organization, with a coming-out rally in the Fireplace Lounge of the Milo Bail Student Center on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

"Coming out is not something that happens once in your life," Gabriel Gonzalez, a UNO graduate student, said. "Coming

out is something that happens every day. I am fine bringing my boyfriend home and that is awesome. But, then there's the other part, like going to a banquet at UNO and bringing your boyfriend. Or, walking around campus at UNO or anywhere else

and feeling like people know. Every time, it becomes easier."

It was this other part the organizers of the coming-out rally hoped to address.

"As a service organization, we put a lot of effort into doing good things for the

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News You Can Use

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Memorial to be held for missing UNO student

The family of Jessica O'Grady will hold a memorial service for the missing UNO sophomore. It will be held Saturday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. at St. Leo's Catholic Church.

O'Grady has been missing since May and is presumed dead. There is a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the discovery of her remains or whereabouts. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Douglas County Sheriff's office at 444-6000.

Donations needed for Mav Kids Halloween Party

The 14th annual Mav Kids Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28. The event is for kids of all ages and runs from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Heath Physical Education and Recreation building.

The event will consist of a haunted house, candy, games and prizes. The haunted house is open from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

However, volunteers and donations are needed to make this event successful. Candy donations can be dropped off in room 100 of HPER. Those interested in volunteering for the haunted house or games can contact Erin or Lisa at 554-2539.

UNO to host philosophy lecture today

Diane Jeske will give a presentation on "The Unnatural Obsession with Naturalism in Ethics." This presentation will be held on Friday, Oct. 20 at 2:30 p.m. in room 210 of the Arts and Sciences Hall.

Jeske has published work in the special obligations to intimates and the nature of friendship. She is now focusing on such topics as political philosophy, philosophy of law, personal identity and feminist ethics.

More information on this presentation can be found at unomaha.edu/philosophy.

Women's Resource Center hosts movie tonight

The Women's Resource Center will host a free movie event on Friday, Oct. 20.

"Enough" is a story about an abusive husband and a young mother who begins to train to fight back. This movie stars Jennifer Lopez.

Free popcorn and soda will also be provided.

HPER provides free health screenings

The Exercise Physiology Lab will offer two health screenings in October as follows:

Cholesterol Screening

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 24

Time: 7 to 11 a.m.

Where: 103 HPER Building (Exercise Physiology Lab)

Cost: \$25

This screening requires a 12-hour fasting period. To schedule an appointment, call 554-3221.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Date: Thursday, Oct. 26

Time: 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: HPER Building

No appointment necessary.

UNO Art Gallery Features Andréa Stanislv

Starting today, *The Unenchanted* will be featured by the UNO Art Gallery, and there will be a reception to honor Stanislv's work tonight from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This exhibit focuses on Stanislv's mythical creatures and environments constructed to play with viewers' perceptions. Her fantasy landscapes are enhanced through the use of alternative media, including glitter and fur as well as sound and video elements that produce a multi-sensory experience.

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Crime Log

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Monday, Oct. 2

4:50 a.m. Campus Security noticed a suspicious vehicle parked in Elmwood Park. Campus Security notified Omaha Police Department. Vehicle appears to be either stolen or broken into. OPD investigating.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

4:29 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from Arts and Sciences Hall. Incident occurred between 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., Monday, Oct. 2.



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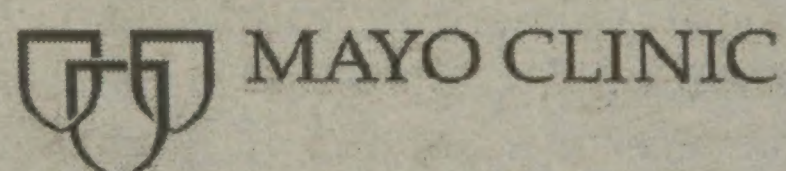
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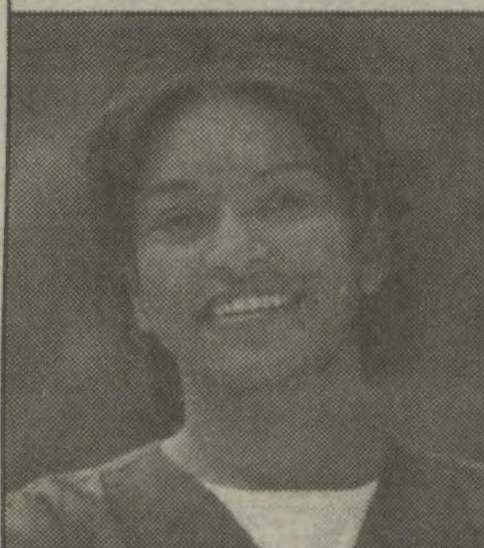
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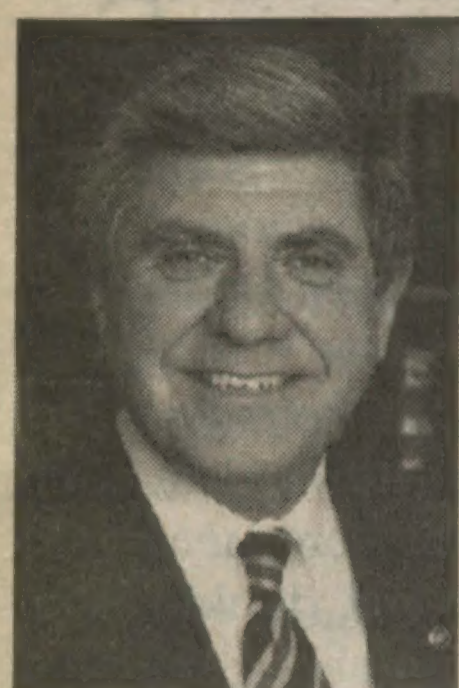
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Q&A with U.S. Senate Candidates

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Ben Nelson



Ben Nelson

Ben Nelson is the incumbent running for the U.S. Senate for the Democratic Party. His opponent, Pete Ricketts, was interviewed separately, but asked the same questions.

What do you feel will be the most important issue facing the Senate in the next couple of years?

Well, you have got to talk about the War on Terror and the War in Iraq. Those will be critical issues in 2007. When it comes to the War on Terror, it will be to your generation what the Cold War was to my generation. It will be a long process. Beyond that, I think you are going to see more interest in alternative energy as the United States attempts to become less dependent on foreign nations. We need to look into solar power and hydrogen cells. In addition, we must work to secure our southern border with the fence bill, as well as continue to implement new technologies. That is an important part of our security. Beyond that, there are going to be other issues that affect Nebraska such as drought mitigation release, which, just like other natural disasters, affects the entire nation.

Briefly describe why a typical UNO student should vote for you?

First of all, I have the experience and judgment with 16 years working for the state of Nebraska as governor and now as United States Senator. I have had the experience of working with higher education in state. I have worked towards creating new scholarships and grants in an effort to make college more affordable. We have created over 130,000 well-paying jobs in order to keep our young people working in Nebraska. With good jobs, one could buy a home and raise a family here. I have focused on what is good for the environment in order to protect the natural resources in this state and country. My opponent has no record, only rhetoric.

What is your position on embryonic stem cell research, including the research conducted at the University of Nebraska Medical Center?

I have supported funding for embryonic stem cell research that does not result in the death of the embryo. I have supported President Bush's initiatives, but I have not supported further funding in research that does destroy the embryo. I am a pro-life parent and politician.

What is your position on same-sex marriage?

I have supported the state Defense of Marriage Amendment, which was passed overwhelmingly by Nebraskans in 2000. However, since that amendment was stricken down by the federal district courts, I have supported the federal amendment. While I believe this is a state's rights issue, I will support the federal amendment until the federal judiciary affirms the Nebraska Defense of Marriage Amendment.

What is your position on raising the national minimum wage?

I have voted for raising the federal minimum wage. I support raising it to \$7.25 over a graduated period of two years.

What is your opinion regarding U.S. involvement in Iraq and when do you expect to see troop withdrawals?

I voted for the resolution based on the intelligence info that was presented to Congress by the administration. It is impossible to set a timetable to withdraw troops. It is also unadvisable to make an open-ended commitment to Iraq as well. I think it is important to get the job done and bring our troops home. The challenge is to establish the condition for staying. I have pushed for the administration to state the mission in Iraq with measurable goals, so that we can determine the level of success that is being achieved. Without a stated mission, it is impossible to know what the further role of the U.S. military is.

Reports issued by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education claim 43 states, including Nebraska, fail to offer students an affordable college education. What would you do to change this?

One of the most important things to do is support scholarships and grants to defray some of the cost of higher education. That is why I have supported Pell and Perkins grants as well as various other scholarships and grants to make it more helpful for colleges, as well as students. I will continue to do that in the United States Senate as I continue to seek additional funding for our institutions of higher education.

What do you think most differentiates yourself from your opponent?

In addition to experience and judgment, I think my approach has been more mainstream while my opponent's has been a series of bad radical ideas, such as privatizing social security, a 30 percent national sales tax and farms programs. I have the experience of working across party lines, but my opponent has advocated being a rubber stamp for his party and has further advocated a strong partisan campaign. On the other hand I have reached party lines to work with Democrats, Republicans and independents.

If right now I were your opponent, Pete Ricketts, what would you say to me?

I would tell Pete Ricketts that it is OK to have his opinion on what I have done as a United States Senator, but he is not entitled to his own set of facts. He has mischaracterized my votes and my positions. What he should do is outline his positions on a 30 percent national sales tax, privatizing Social Security and eliminating farm programs. He should be honest and acknowledge his past advocacy of these radical ideas.

What was the most memorable experience you have of your college days, and where did you go?

I went to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. I remember my friends, many of whom I still see today at football games and other events. I remember my law school days as being a great learning experience. Many of my friends are classmates from law school. They were outstanding days, and I remember them as being very memorable.

Is there anything else you think is important for UNO students to know about you?

Both as governor and senator, I have always put Nebraska first. Always have and always will.

Pete Ricketts



Pete Ricketts

Pete Ricketts is the challenger running for the U.S. Senate for the Republican Party. His opponent, Ben Nelson, was interviewed separately, but asked the same questions.

What do you feel will be the most important issue facing the Senate in the next couple of years?

The most important issue we are going to face is national security and how we are going to pay for it. So we have to win the War on Terror and control our spending to have a fiscally sustainable government.

Briefly describe why a typical UNO student should vote for you.

The biggest problem we have today is that we have too many career politicians. People in Congress are more worried about their next election rather than actually solving problems. If you think things in Washington are broken, then you cannot send back the same old career politicians to get change. I represent that change for Washington, and I ask for your vote.

What is your position on embryonic stem cell research, including the research conducted at the University of Nebraska Medical Center?

I believe that life begins at conception, and I support adult stem cell research. I do not support funding for destructive embryonic stem cell research.

What is your position on same-sex marriage?

I believe marriage is between one man and one woman and that we need an amendment to the constitution to protect states like Nebraska from states like Massachusetts.

What is your position on raising the national minimum wage?

As a stand-alone, I believe raising the minimum wage hurts those people you wish to help. I believe it is an obstacle for employers to hire people or to invest into their people through training and benefits. I would support raising the minimum wage if it were part of a compromise plan that included incentives for small businesses and raising the thresholds on the death tax.

What is your opinion regarding U.S. involvement in Iraq and when do you expect to see troop withdrawals?

We cannot allow Iraq to become a terrorist haven. We must allow our troops on the ground to manage the war, and give them the resources and tools necessary to complete the mission. We should not try to micromanage the war with arbitrary deadlines set half a world away in Washington, D.C. Ultimately, the Iraqis must win this war for themselves. We need to help them get to the point where they can govern and defend themselves. Then we can bring our troops home.

National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education claim 43 states, including Nebraska, fail to offer students an affordable college education. What would you do to change this?

One of the things we can do to help people afford a college education is by continuing to fund Pell Grants and Stafford Loans. With raising costs of education we can raise the limits on Stafford Loans and index them to inflation. In addition, we want to continue to invest in research at our universities that help create the jobs that graduates will need upon graduation.

What do you think most differentiates yourself from your opponent?

The single biggest difference between my opponent and I is that I am not a career politician. I am going to Washington, D.C., to solve problems and make change and leverage my experience from the business world to address the tough issues we face. To change Washington, we need to send new people.

If right now I were your opponent, Ben Nelson, what would you say to me?

I would say that he should stop

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University task force hopes to put a stop to high-risk drinking

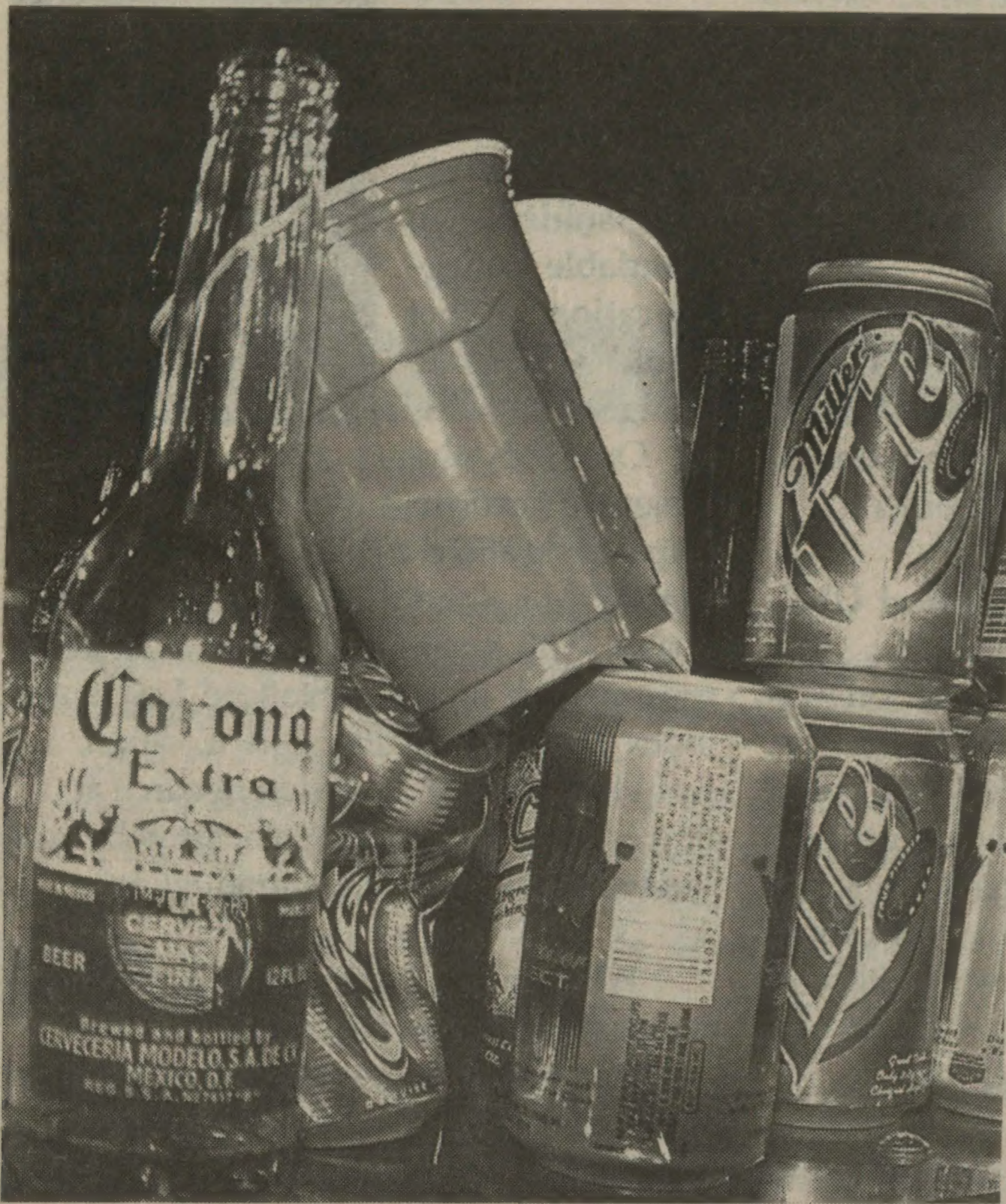


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Before UNL put their alcohol prevention program into place, 60 percent of the university's students were binge drinking.

MICHAEL MCMANUS
PEOPLE EDITOR

"People on the outside often look at college students and assume they're all drunk right now just because they're college students," said Nate Bock, coordinator for Alcohol and Drug Education at UNO.

The concept may seem unrealistic, but perhaps it holds more truth than some would like to admit.

Before UNL created its alcohol prevention program, New Direction, a Harvard alcohol study showed 60 percent of the university's students were binge drinking. Bock said the drinking rate was far and beyond what other schools were at the time. Since the New Directions program began, the percentage of students who are binge drinking decreased by 42 percent.

Bock sat down with a UNO News Writing and Reporting class to share his concerns and plans for high-risk drinking on campus.

Bock, as well as other concerned

faculty, students and staff at UNO are looking at UNL for guidance when approaching the issue of high-risk drinking, and plan on dealing with the problem as effectively as possible.

"We have formulated a task force on campus made up of different people and students at the university," he said. "We are going to gather data and see what target areas we want to address."

Bock said even without getting the data back, the university needs to concentrate on the environment not only on campus, but also in the community.

Bock also said it is the community's duty to prevent students from participating in high-risk drinking. He believes one area in which the Omaha community falters, is with drink specials that often lure in financially vulnerable students.

Ken Pezanowski, a senior political science major, is one such student.

"I admit, I go to the bars with the best specials," he said. "But honestly, though, isn't that normal? If it's \$1 shots at one bar or \$4 shots at the other, I don't think the decision is that difficult to make."

Bock points out that it's situations like these that create the problem.

"What we've found from doing focus groups is that when asking students if they drink more when these [alcohol prices] are low, they answer by saying yes," he said. "They might go in thinking they'll have two or three drinks and end up drinking seven or eight."

Bock sees the importance of living in a community that supports the idea of drinking responsibly. He said if the campus had bars surrounding UNO with a safe environment for the students, then the high-risk drinking rates would be lower.

"It's creating that environment outside the education area and then the environment within the education area that works," he said. "One or the other doesn't."

Though the community outside UNO does play a large role in influencing high-risk drinking within the campus, the answer to the problem lies within UNO's borders.

UNO is addressing the problem by holding an online high-risk drinking survey in the next month. The survey will be similar to the one used at UNL and will pinpoint the topics of concern for the campus. The questions will cover all alcohol-related issues ranging from drunk driving and high-risk drinking to taking care of a drunken roommate.

Once the statistics are gathered, Bock said the task force will then be able to target the problem, however, the answer to the problem might take longer than expected.

"One of the things you find in prevention is that you don't see some of the results until five years down the road," he said.

Another road block to a solution is the on-campus housing developments. Bock said previous alcohol studies were before the creation of on-campus housing.

It's a well-known fact that UNO is a dry campus; unfortunately, it's also well-

known that "dry campus" is a phrase that many UNO students laugh about as they pull their six-packs out from under their dorm room beds.

The members of the task force are taking into consideration that many students view college and drinking as synonymous. Bock said approaching high-risk drinking in a realistic manner, by teaching prevention rather than abstinence is key.

"We realize that people have a better response if we stay realistic and try to take the high-risk drinking down to a more reasonable rate of some type of drinking that is not high risk," Bock said.

The task force's fear that the information it shares could go in one ear and out the other of many students is also apparent. Bock said he understands why that could occur, but believes that every bit of information shared counts.

"I'm not with all the students all the time," he said. "It might go in one ear and out the other, but small percentages equal a lot of numbers."

Students who complete the online survey will remain anonymous, but will have the chance to enter a drawing for cash prizes. Statewide prizes, including a \$500 cash prize, will also be drawn from Nebraska universities, including UNO.

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Hollywood makeup artist gives UNO a bloody makeover

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Bobbie Weiner loves death, blood and gore. In fact, she makes a living creating it. Weiner gave a presentation to UNO students on Oct. 12 titled "Bloody Mary Makeup to Die For." The workshop, sponsored by the Student Programming Organization (SPO), took place in the student center as part of UNO's week-long homecoming festivities.

During the event, Weiner gave

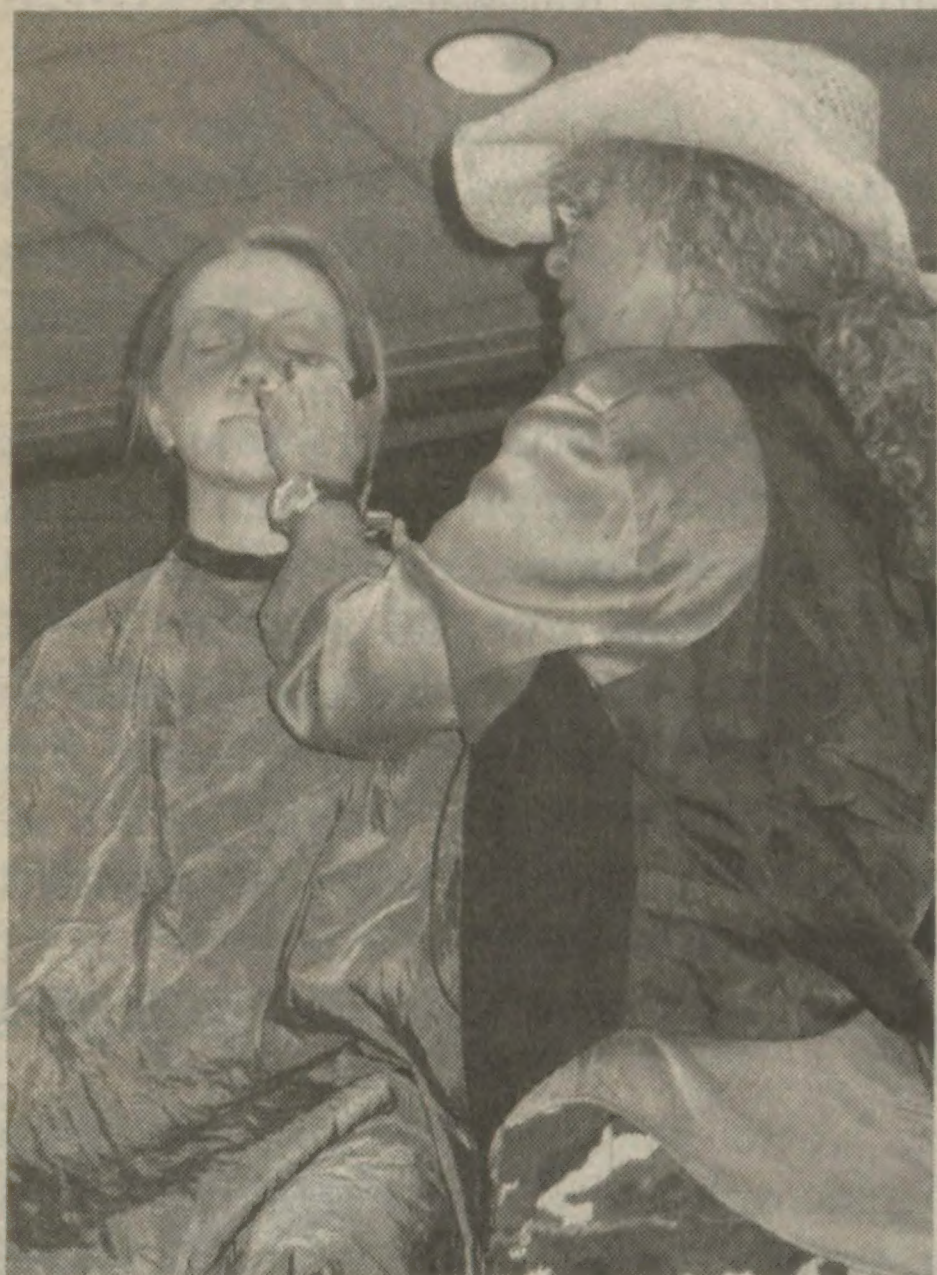


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UNO student Jen Schomer sat back and tried to relax while Bloody Mary turned her into a dead witch.

interactive makeovers to volunteers, and tips on how she creates the "death" look in Hollywood movies. Using her self-created Bloody Mary makeup, she created decaying zombies, dead witches and even a possessed clown out of several UNO students. Weiner explained that she also uses ingredients such as Special K cereal to look like "crusties," salt for the freezer-burn look, and All-Bran cereal to create the classic worm-and-maggot-on-skin appearance.

Weiner, nicknamed "Bloody Mary,"

is the special effects makeup artist who transformed hundreds of actors into icicle-covered corpses in the Oscar Award winning film *Titanic*. She also supplied the makeup and camouflage for the movie *Behind Enemy Lines*. Her work has been featured on Entertainment Tonight and CNN. She is the No. 1 supplier of camouflage paint for the Department of Defense.

Several homecoming candidates volunteered to let Weiner work her deadly magic during the Oct. 12 workshop. Zeta Tau Alpha's candidate, Jen Schomer, said she thought her makeup application was "very interesting" after Weiner turned her into a dead witch. "I didn't realize that it went so fast," Schomer said.

SPO's fine arts chair, Amy Brennan, began organizing Bloody Mary's appearance last summer. Brennan said she liked the idea of bringing in Bloody Mary because it tied in with this year's "Get Reel" movie theme for homecoming, as well as Halloween.

"I think [the turnout] was really good," she said. "It seemed like the crowd really liked it."

Senior Antonio Tiller said he likes the fact that SPO hired a professional with credibility for the event.

"I thought it was pretty entertaining," he said. "She's got history doing movies in Hollywood. She's also selling her products online and through outlets like Hot Topic and Spencer Gifts. That gives her credibility, and I think that's good."

Weiner said she became a special effects makeup artist about 14 years ago, and is constantly traveling to promote her makeup line, and give presentations and workshops.

"My favorite part of my job is meeting new people," she said. "I meet so many interesting people everywhere I go, and I just love it." Weiner currently has several lines of makeup, including a "Goth" line, a "Rebel" line and a "Bloody Mary" line for Halloween. All lines and Bloody Mary products are available on her Web site, dearbloodymary.com.

Shuttle up: What students should know about shuttle bus etiquette

COMMENTARY BY
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At the risk of offending some of the *Gateway* readers, this article should probably include a disclaimer: I, in no way, mean to single out anyone for a certain type of behavior on any UNO shuttle bus. This is merely a commentary based on two years of painful observation.

If you are among the few students at UNO who are lucky enough to own a parking pass, this article is not for you. However, if you don't own a parking pass and are forced to meet every morning at South Campus or Crossroads Mall to be carted across midtown Omaha by a shuttle bus, then this is for you.

No one really likes riding the shuttle bus. I know I don't wake up in the morning and think to myself, "Yay! Another day of sitting next to total strangers who always manage to piss me off during our brief but memorable interactions." I dread taking that first step on to a bus full of socially unacceptable behavior. But what exactly constitutes unacceptable behavior?

Cell phone. Two little words that can ruin any ride on the shuttle bus, and often do. I have been exposed to this rude and obnoxious behavior many times. One such occasion involved a girl talking with her mother about a recent visit to her doctor.

Now, as a rule, I do not eavesdrop on other people's conversations. However, it is impossible not to when you are sitting directly behind the person and they are speaking at a level that would lead you to believe that they want you to know what they are talking about.

This anonymous girl was explaining to her mother that her doctor gave her an ointment for the fungus on her back. There is a time and a place to have that type of conversation, and I am pretty sure the shuttle bus is the No. 1 place not to. I made a mental note of which row she had been sitting in so I could remember not to sit there myself.

Cell phones also come with games on them. I am all for killing some time and not

just gawking at the person across from you; however, if you are going to play a game, make sure your phone is on silent. This also goes for ring tones. Sure, some people may actually text those numbers that are on late-night TV to obtain the lamest ringer for \$4.99 a month, but I don't need to know you are one of them.

The same goes for iPods. I don't care to know that you think the David Matthews Band is the greatest thing since the invention of music, so turn it down a notch.

If you are like me, my daily morning routine includes eating breakfast, checking my e-mail and taking a shower. When sitting next to some people on the shuttle bus, I can tell that they skipped that third step. Whenever you are going to be packed tightly next to others in close quarters, it is probably a good idea to practice some form of routine hygiene. Smelly people do not make good bus buddies. And when you are in the shower, make sure to wash your hair. No one wants to be sitting behind the dude who has a colony of white stuff forming on his scalp.

I shouldn't even have to mention not to pick your nose or release any form of flatulence, but I will for good measure.

Waiting in line to get on to the shuttle bus is probably my least favorite time of day. It gives me too much time to think about the horrors that lie ahead on the ride back to my car. So please don't make my life more miserable than it already is. When we were in grade school we learned not to cut other people in line. Just because you still know how to do it doesn't mean you should.

After fighting my way on to the bus, nothing pisses me off more than people who take up two seats with either their backpack or their butt. I understand that is hard to let someone get close to your personal "bubble," but don't be rude and make one more person stand when they don't have to.

Which brings me to my last topic: What ever happened to chivalry? Gentlemen, this one is for you. When you see a girl standing, give her your seat! Especially if she weighs

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Football team edges No. 3 North Dakota in Homecoming upset



Troy Kush leaves three North Dakota defenders in the dust on his way to a 36-yard touchdown in the first quarter. Kush was the Mavericks' leading receiver, hauling in three catches for 91 yards.

photo by Patrick Doty

"It was back and forth, and the guy that had the ball last was the one that won it," said Behrns.

Miller got the Mavericks going early, taking off on a 41-yard scramble on the first play of the game to ignite a drive that culminated with his one-yard touchdown run. UND responded by turning a fumble deep in Mav territory into a 24-yard touchdown pass to even the score.

Miller kept UNO on the move, though, capping an 80-yard drive with a 36-yard strike to receiver Troy Kush to put the Mavericks up 14-7 going into the second quarter.

Unfazed, North Dakota quarterback Reed Manke completed seven straight passes on the ensuing drive to lead his team to a score and a 14-14 tie.

The Fighting Sioux threatened to take the lead later in the quarter but were stymied when Manke's run of 15 consecutive completions was ended abruptly by UNO cornerback Matt Ajuoga's diving interception in the end zone.

North Dakota came out strong in the second half, taking the ball 73 yards downfield after the opening kickoff, but was held to a field goal when the Maverick defense clamped down and stopped them three times inside the 5-yard line.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Mav defense again fended off the Fighting Sioux, stalling a 56-yard drive at the UNO 10 and forcing UND to settle for a 20-14 lead.

On the next drive the Mavericks put the game away for good. Miller connected with Kush for a 26-yard gain and then got a crucial pass interference call to march deep into North Dakota territory. After rushes by Kyle Kasperbauer and Nate Wurth got the Mavs in close, Miller rolled right and found his way to the end zone to give UNO the decisive 21-20 lead.

Behrns said he knew coming into the game it was going to be tough to stop UND's high-powered passing attack, but the Maverick defense made the difference by being able to contain it.

"They went up and down the field, but I think they only threw for 230-some yards and that's not bad for a guy that's completing 25 passes," Behrns said. "They did keep the ball a while, but I think the key to that was keeping them out of the end zone."

He also felt it was important that his offense found a way to keep the ball moving and didn't have to struggle to make up ground on third downs.

"They just eat you alive if you are and that's what I think we did a good job of, staying out of those long yardage situations," said Behrns.

The win moved UNO to 4-0 in the North Central Conference and gave them a share of the lead with rival South Dakota, who they'll meet up with three weeks from now in Vermillion.

Behrns knows that no matter how important Saturday's win was, his team can't rest on their laurels just yet.

"It puts you in a pretty good position, but you know, but there's still yet four weeks to play and I remember last year when we had four weeks to play, we were only 1-2 in the league, so there's a lot that can happen," said Behrns. "We've got our work ahead of us."

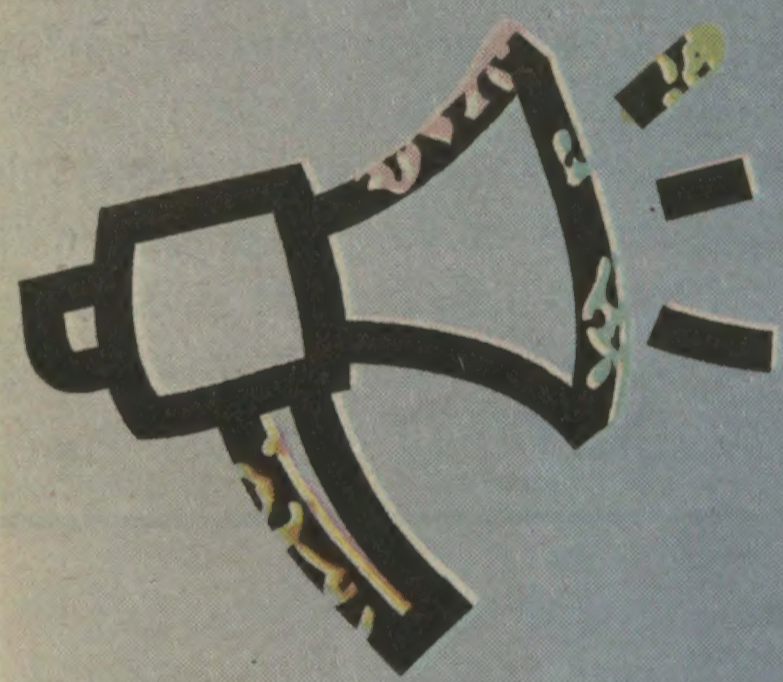
JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

Standard logic dictates that, when scheduling a homecoming game, you set yourself up against a weak team that you know you can beat in front of an alumni-packed crowd. The UNO football team went against that thinking and put No.3-ranked and Division I-bound North Dakota on their calendar.

And gave 8,000 Mav-crazy fans a win for the ages.

The No.12 ranked Mavericks used the legs of quarterback Zach Miller and the heart of their defensive squad to upset the previously undefeated Fighting Sioux 21-20 Saturday night at Caniglia Field.

Coach Pat Behrns had a more straightforward explanation for UNO's big win.



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Volleyball team jumps on Augustana after loss to Minnesota-Duluth

PATRICK DOTY

ASST. PHOTO/ LINE EDITOR

Looking at the numbers, it's hard to believe University of Minnesota-Duluth won three consecutive games at Sapp Fieldhouse Friday night.

We allowed Duluth to play poorly and beat us. We played well, but the one or two errors that we made were the difference in each game.

The Mavericks got off to a slow start, losing the first game 30-23. Starting strong in the second game, UNO lead through a majority but couldn't hold on. The crowd was on the edge of their seats as UNO narrowly lost the last two nail-biter games, 31-29 and 30-28.

"We allowed Duluth to play poorly and beat us," said Head Coach Rose Shires. "We played well, but the one or two errors that we made were the difference in each game. If we want to

make the next step, jump up and play at their level, we have to take care of those balls in those situations."

Shires believes her team has the talent, but they need the "belief they can do it on a consistent basis," she said. "We have the opportunity tomorrow night to bounce back and do it to Augustana."

And they did do it to Augustana.

The Mavs had five players with double-digit kill totals in Sioux Falls as they defeated Augustana 3-1 (30-19, 28-30, 30-22, 30-25) Saturday night.

The only Mav with a double-double against Duluth on Friday with 11 kills and 10 digs, Christina Reicks made it to nine straight matches with a double-double on Saturday. Her outstanding performance of 17 kills and 15 digs was matched with a double-double from setter Katie Agnew, who had 59 assists and 10 digs.

Leading the Mavs defensively, senior Stacie Wemhoff achieved a career-best 30 digs, along with three service aces.



photo by Patrick Doty

A Minnesota-Duluth player comes up against a wall of Maverick arms in their game Friday night. Despite the strong defensive stand, UNO fell to the No. 5 ranked Bulldogs 3-0.

After the strong win in Sioux Falls, the Mavs hope to do it again at home against North Dakota on Saturday at 6 p.m. at Sapp Fieldhouse.

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The Shockers 26 vs Wrestlers 14
Lambda Chi vs Blazers forfeit
Sig Ep 0 vs Pike A 24
The X Factor 13 vs Scottish Meatballs 25
Sig Ep B2 19 vs Pike Pledge 12
Sig Ep B1 20 vs Pike B 7

October 5th

Congratulations to Chi Omega winning the women's league

October 8th

Congratulations Floor Generals winning co-rec division

The Balls 7 vs 7 Clouds 43
Snakes 35 vs The Bears 0
Highlanders vs That team forfeit
Fresh Princess 20 vs Shannon 14
The Wolfpack 0 vs The Crew 34
Floor Generals 33 vs McNasties 0
Last Word 6 vs Team Ramrod 35
Hustlers 33 vs Spam 7

Football (cont.)

The Pain Train vs *Mike Hunt forfeit
*Thunder 13 vs *Off Often 14
Non Sequitar 14 vs Donkey Punchers 13

October 11th

Floor Generals 26 vs Sig Ep 7
7 Clouds 13 vs McNasties 6
Pike A 13 vs The Balls 0
Team Ramrod 20 vs Wrestlers 12

October 12th

Sig Ep B1 0 vs Shannon, Klein 38
Donkey Punchers 35 vs Scottish Meatballs 14
Sig Ep B2 9 vs The Crew 33
Non Sequiter 0 vs Fresh Princess 31



Soccer

October 3rd

Congratulations Dazed & Confused winning Co-Rec division

October 4th

819 & Crew vs Kulob forfeit
Gunners 1 vs Pill Passers 3
Sig Ep A 0 vs L.R.G. 5
Pike A 7 vs Sig Ep B

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Golf team finishes upward swing with conference championship



Lynn Mulligan

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

This work-in-progress ended up a masterpiece.

The UNO golf team, which had been steadily improving throughout the season, finished the fall campaign with its third North Central Conference championship Oct. 9 in Sioux Falls.

The Mavericks, who had come in seventh, third and fourth in earlier tournaments before winning the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational the week prior, used two strong opening rounds to build a 10-stroke lead over rival Augustana going into the final day.

But cold temperatures and big greens conspired to make the finale a bit more exciting than the Mavs had anticipated.

"The second round, they really came through and played well," said Coach Tim Nelson. "And then, the last day, it was just one of those days that things weren't the best, but we'd built up such a great lead; we made a couple stumbles, so to speak, and still were able to win. Let's put it this way, my nerves were a little frayed."

The Mavericks were led by juniors Lindsay Newton and Lynn Mulligan, who finished second and third in the

individual standings. Newton had a chance to win, ending up tied with Augustana's Courtney Belanger, but came up short on the first playoff hole.

Still, Nelson said the fact that she had to play out of the sand trap and hole a tough par putt to get there was testament enough to Newton's competitiveness.

"It was a big-league par," said Nelson.

Also coming up big for UNO was freshman Erin Ommen, who shot 247 over the tournament and ended up in a tie for seventh place. Ommen had the Mavericks' low score in the challenging third round.

Nelson said it's been fun watching his team develop – on and off the course.

"I'm so excited about where the team is and the growth that we've gone through," Nelson said. "The freshmen and the upperclassmen have mixed immensely; they're doing a good job playing golf together, getting along socially, and the growth in their play, their scoring, is really improved."

"It's got to give them nothing but confidence."



Lindsay Newton

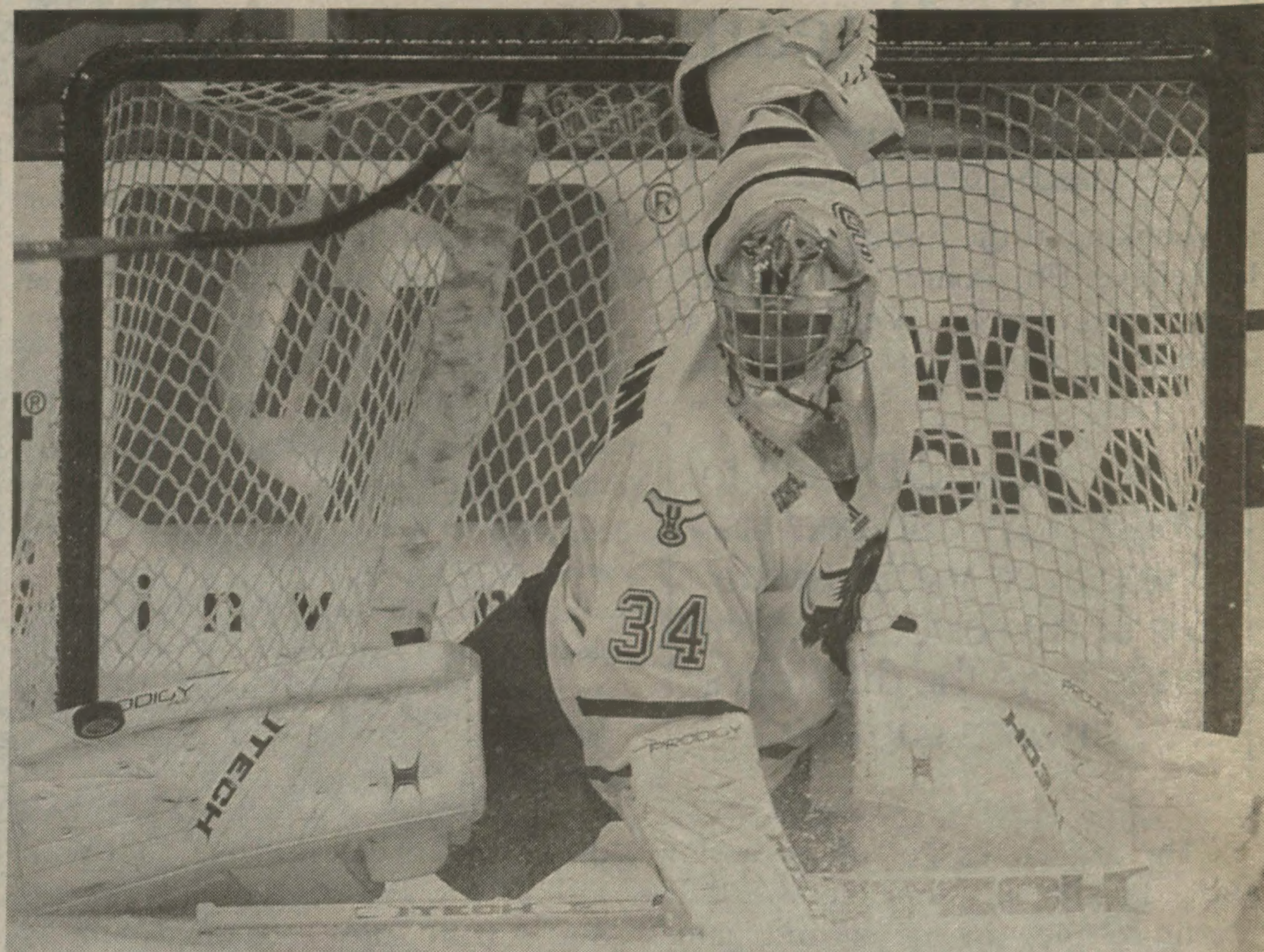


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UNO goaltender Jerad Kaufmann gets low for a pad save in the Mavericks' 8-0 exhibition win over Manitoba Oct. 10 at the Qwest Center. The Mavericks will host the Mutual of Omaha Stampede Friday and Saturday at the Qwest Center. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m.

Hockey team heads north, nets two ties at Nye Frontier Classic

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

Alaska is a long way to go to kiss your sister, especially if you've got to kiss her twice.

The UNO hockey team made a weekend trek to Anchorage for the Nye Frontier Classic and came back with a pair of 2-2 ties against Colorado College and Alaska-Anchorage.

Though the outcome wasn't exactly what they wanted, Coach Mike Kemp said his players knew they had done their best under adverse conditions.

"We had to go on the road into a tough environment and play against two very good teams and, you know, we played 120 minutes of solid hockey, toe-to-toe with them," said Kemp.

In Friday night's opening round, the Mavericks lined up against Western Collegiate Hockey Association power Colorado College. After the Tigers jumped on the board first, UNO's Alex Nikiforuk got the puck to Tomas Klempa, who drilled a shot past CC goaltender Matt Zaba to even the score.

Neither team scored in the second period, but Colorado College capitalized on a power play opportunity early in the third to go up 2-1. The Mavs answered back 15 minutes later with freshman JJ Koehler scoring his first collegiate goal to tie the game once and for all.

Despite the official tie, the Mavs won the ensuing shootout to determine which team would advance in the tournament.

Kemp gave a lot of credit for the win to UNO goaltender Jerad Kaufmann.

"On Friday night, [Kaufmann] played as good a game as he's played as a Maverick. Just a very solid game, in total control right from the opening faceoff," said Kemp.

In their Saturday night game against

Alaska-Anchorage, the Mavericks again had to play catch-up but, luckily, they had Scott Parse in prime form to help them. Parse scored both UNO goals, including the game tying one that came when the Mavericks were shorthanded and Parse had to beat three defenders to find the net with less than three minutes to go in the game.

Kemp said it was just another example of what's come to be expected from UNO's All-American and Hobey Baker finalist.

"When the team needs something, needs a big play or needs something great to happen, he kind of puts the team on his back and gets it done," said Kemp.

Once again, the game was officially scored as a tie, but this time the Mavericks came out on the losing end of the shootout.

For his efforts, Parse was named the tournament MVP and teammate Juha Uotila, who had two big assists on the weekend, was selected to the all-tournament team.

"I was genuinely pleased with the way we played," Kemp said. "In the big picture of things, we came away from the weekend with a lot of things that we could look at as positive."

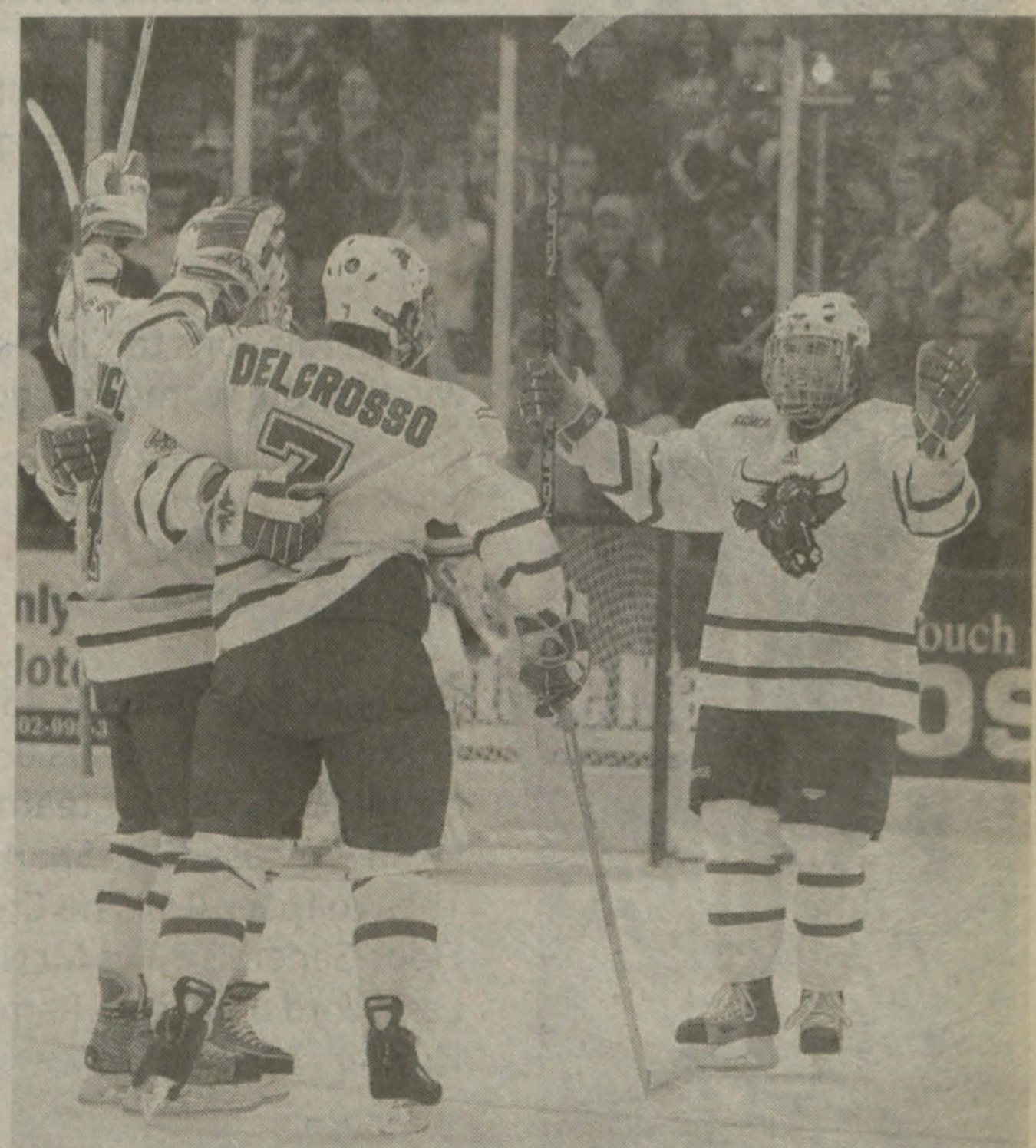


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Jerad Agosta celebrates with teammates after assisting on Ed Del Grosso's goal in the first period of the Mav's 8-0 exhibition win over Manitoba on Oct. 10.

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Events:

Friday, Oct. 20

Something Wicked Goth Ball @ Club Nico, 9 p.m., \$5

The third annual goth/punk/dark-wave ball again takes place at Nico this year. The night is full of fashion, dance and music inspired by the goth and industrial cultures. Roxy Saint headlines.

Tuesday, Oct. 24 and Wednesday, Oct. 25

Cirque du Soleil: Delirium @ Qwest Center, 7 p.m., \$37.50-\$97.50

Cirque du Soleil brings its performance art to Omaha. The new show features more of the same from the group: singing, dancing and acrobatics that push everything to the limits.

Saturday, Oct. 28

Omahanightlife.com 3 Year Anniversary Pool Party @ The Shark Club/Quality Inn pool, 8 p.m., \$10

Onl's Halloween party kicks off at The Shark Club at 8 p.m. with drink specials, a costume contest and prizes. Partygoers can also go to the Quality Inn pool where DJ Money will be spinning until 5 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 29

Jim Gaffigan @ Omaha Music Hall, 7 p.m., \$15

Comedian Jim Gaffigan presents his comedy stylings to Omaha in this SPO-presented standup special.

Concerts:

Sunday, Oct. 22

Def Leopard and Journey @ Qwest Center, 7:30 p.m., \$39.50-\$75

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Bob Dylan with Kings of Leon @ Pershing Center (Lincoln), 7:30 p.m., \$45

Dashboard Confessional with Brand New @ The Mid-America Center, 8 p.m., \$20 ADV/\$25 DOS

Sunday, Oct. 29

James Blunt @ Qwest Center, 7:30 p.m., \$35-\$45

DVD:

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Mission: Impossible III

Nacho Libre

Slither

Monster House

Stephen King's Nightmares & Dreamscapes

Tuesday, Oct. 31

It's a Wonderful Life

In Theaters:

Friday, Oct. 20

Flags of Our Fathers

The Prestige

Marie Antoinette

Flicka

Friday, Oct. 27

Saw III

Catch a Fire

Music Albums:

Tuesday, Oct. 24

My Chemical Romance: *The Black Parade*

John Legend: *Once Again*

Montgomery Gentry: *Some People Change*

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Meatloaf: *Bat Out of Hell III*

The Who: *Endless Wire*

Kellie Pickler: *Small Town Girl*

Deftones: *Saturday Night Wrist*

Craig Morgan: *Little Bit of Life*

Gaming New Releases:

Tiger Woods PGA Tour 07 – XB360, PS2, PC, XB, PSP

Justice League Heroes – PS2, XB, DS, PSP, GBA

Bully – PS2

Marvel: Ultimate Alliance – XB360, PS2, PC, XB, PSP

Phantasy Star Universe – XB360, PS2, PC

Final Fantasy XII – PS2

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Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories – PSP

The Gateway talks with alternative rock pioneer, Greg Dulli of Afghan Whigs, Twilight Singers

ANGI SADA

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Gravelly voiced and constantly poetic, musician Greg Dulli sits in his Los Angeles living room talking to me on the phone.

"It's a beautiful, loving tapestry of complexity," he says of his new base of operations.

If anyone else on Earth were to say this about LA, you'd think they were posturing for the audience. With Dulli, you know it.

He is genial, but a little sassy. He is a talkative and frank. He is seductive, playful and little full of himself. And he should be.

For the greater part of the 90s, Dulli fronted the alternative band Afghan Whigs, which was the first non-Seattle band to be signed to the grunge powerhouse label SubPop. After the Whigs' demise he moved on to new pastures. Without stopping to graze, Dulli leapt directly into the Twilight Singers.

The Twilight Singers, while sharing the same velvety sound the Whigs were notorious for, have a slightly more melodic and symphonic feel. They stand under Dulli's banner of soulful writings and are less guitar-driven than the Afghan Whigs. Instead, they are lush with orchestral arrangements, ballsy covers and guest artists who listeners may have never seen coming.

Despite their very similar faces, Dulli maintains the two bands are inherently different beasts and that fans are starting to see them as two separate entities.

"I'm seeing it really in Europe



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Greg Dulli (left), Mark Lanegan and the rest of The Twilight Singers roll into Omaha on Oct. 30. They are on the road supporting their most recent full-length release *Powder Burns*.

more than ever. I will occasionally play a Whigs song in my shows: only if I'm feeling it. I don't ever really do it for any perfunctory [reason]," he says. "[The Twilight Singers] has become its own thing now. That's the way it is."

Dulli, who has admits to wrestling in the past with drugs, says he has been clean for quite a while and couldn't "remember the last time he drank."

The Twilight Singers were placed on hold for a few brief moments

last summer when Dulli formed a Motown inspired side project called The Uptown Lights. They played a few shows in Dulli's beloved LA before he retreated to a post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans.

There he poured over *Powder Burns*, the latest Twilight Singers full-length release. On Oct. 10 the band released *A Stitch in Time*, a five-track EP that focuses on former Screaming Trees vocalist Mark Lanegan's bluesy

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Outcasts of Paria band together through changes in lineup

CHARLEY REED
ASST. A&L/PEOPLE EDITOR

Anyone who has heard Paria play will refer to its aggressive sound, energetic live shows and passionate performances as signatures of the band. But what many might not know is that the members of the Omaha metalcore band are reserved, modest and friendly. Guitarist Aaron Langan says that a common misconception people have is that band members' attitudes mirror their music.

"We're really down-to-earth kids," Langan explained. "We don't just all listen to heavy music. We're all just five really different people."

Adaptation to those differences is what has kept Paria's members together despite a seemingly non-stop whirlwind progression from playing in basements to playing sold-out arenas. They do all of this while trying to balance work, relationships and school.



Black Market Activities

Omaha band Paria's debut album, *Misanthropos*, is available now. A follow-up release is scheduled for summer 2007.

Paria formed in 2001 and has since signed with Boston-based Black Market Activities Records. The band released its debut album, *Misanthropos*, with the label in 2004.

Over the past five years, the band has had a literal revolving door of band members. Drummer Corey Barnes and vocalist Brian Craig have each had one foot in or out of the door recently, hampering the band's plans for the future.

"It's been a long process with Corey quitting and then Brian quitting, and then we got a new drummer and now he's leaving," said Dustin Treinen, a UNO student and bassist for Paria. "Now Corey's coming back and it looks like Brian is going to leave again, so we're not sure what we're going to do."

While many might be upset by the instability, Treinen and the other members just accept it as the nature of the beast.

"To me it's more or less [about] having fun and doing shows with our friends, and putting out an album and everything, but not so much oriented on making a long-term career out of it," said guitarist John Claus. "We're more or less doing it for fun."

The band's laid-back attitude has actually been a key part to Paria's longevity. With national bands like Unearth and Killswitch Engage taking their slice of the audience pie, Paria has recently enjoyed life on the road, opening for similar bands across the country.

"I'd say that touring is definitely the best part," Langan said, adding that playing at the infamous Whisky a Go-Go in Los Angeles was a highlight.

Treinen smiled as he recalled Paria's trip to Southern California and said, "California shows are all huge. So we were going to California for the first time, playing the biggest shows we've ever played; like, way bigger than we've played back home."

But going on 30-day tours wasn't a long-term goal for a band just making a name for itself out of Omaha. Claus said that it just wasn't feasible.

"The toughest part has been keeping us all on the same page because we're all really goal-oriented," he explained. "We all have a lot of stuff going on outside [the band] like other hobbies, other convictions in life that don't necessarily coexist with a band."

Claus is planning on taking classes at Metro Community College next semester while Treinen is still working towards a degree at UNO, taking classes part-time and splitting the rest of his time between the band and work.

"In order to be a full-time student, to take 12 credit hours and show up for practice twice a week and do six shows a month; it's possible but not practical because you're going to compromise one or the other," Claus said.

In spite of the members' individual long-term goals, the band's mantra of compromising has sustained Paria through five years of trials and tribulations that many veteran bands never experience. Looking toward the future, the one thing that all of the members can agree on is putting out their second album.

"It will be a more representation of what we are as a band right now," Treinen said. "We're not sure what we are going to do vocally. We're still going to put out the album, regardless. It's going to come out."

Paria seems hardly deserving of its name. Whatever problems arise, band members can't seem to go long without getting the itch to listen, play and simply enjoy music together, whatever the genre.

"I think that separates us from a lot of other bands that are just following the formula to write a bulletproof album, something they know is going to sell," Langan said. "We don't really know that; we just do what we want to do."

Band information and music samples for Paria can be found at myspace.com/paria.



Sony Pictures

The Grudge 2 has more curse but less scares than the original film.

The Grudge 2 offers mediocre scares

JACKIE CHAVEZ
STAFF WRITER

Images of chainsaws, spinning heads and nightmarish ghosts embody what we think of when we hear people say "Friday the 13th." And on this particular day, the superstitious are on overdrive as teens search for the best scares while others take it as any other day. All of this leading directly to the most-awaited event this month: Halloween. That being the time for haunted houses, trick-or-treating and, of course, the fall lineup for the best horror movies.

Contemplating my choices for activities on this past Friday the 13th, *The Grudge 2* seemed like the perfect outlet for releasing some timely horror.

Familiar faces hit the screen in the first few minutes. Amber Tamblyn plays Aubrey, who is Karen's (Sarah Michelle Gellar) sister. In the first *Grudge* we saw Karen burn down the cursed house hoping to get rid of what haunted her, but in the final scene we realize she is in a hospital and the curse has come with her. This movie continues the plot with Karen still in the hospital.

Aubrey is sent by her mother to bring Karen back from Japan. Aubrey sets out to find out what her sister saw in that house; she teams with a journalist named Eason (Edison Chen) and they try to find some way to stop the curse. There are several character-driven story lines that tie together nicely in the end.

Another American girl in Japan (Ariel Keble) goes into the house and is afflicted with the curse, and a family in Chicago starts to show signs of rage, which can only be attributed to the horrendous curse.

I liked the fact that more history is given in the sequel and the hunt to get rid of the curse continues. However, I found it to be very disappointing because there were so many storylines where none of the characters progress, but are stuck in that nightmarish curse up until the end of the movie.

The curse was more like a spreading virus with no cure, swallowing people up in rage and thick strands of black hair. Director Takashi Shimizu knows how to keep audiences on the edge of their seats, with many spine-tingling moments and sudden scares. No matter how often the cursed girl and little boy came out, the effect was always the same: shocking, gruesome and terrifying. At times the movie would grow confusing with so many storylines, and I tried to figure out exactly what was happening with whom.

The ending was as big a let down. We see nothing come out of all the characters' storylines. I was hoping to see at least a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, but all I saw was a mass of dark hair and a creepy, crackling sound coming from the girl's broken jaw. If you see the movie, you will know exactly what I mean.

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In addition to increased library services, Staff Advisory Council President Mary Sweaney commented on the aesthetic improvement the

addition provided.

"It's beautiful. The café is inviting, making it a comfortable environment."

From **RICKETTS:** Page 3

misrepresenting my positions on the issues and start talking about what his plans for the future of our country are.

What was the most memorable experience you have of your college days?

I attended the University of Chicago, and my most memorable experience from college was taking a graduate-level English class as a biology major with a friend of mine who was an economics major. We brought a different perspective to the class and had a lot of fun looking at literature from the eyes of someone who sees the

From **SHUTTLE BUS:** Page 5

100 pounds and isn't tall enough to reach the handrail.

This also goes for when people fall on the shuttle bus. Yes, it is funny sometimes, but not if it happens to you. And by you, I mean me.

It was last winter and there was a thin coat of fresh snow on the ground. Pretty to look at, but deadly when climbing out of a shuttle bus. I was just telling the bus driver thank you for the lift when my feet slid out from under me. I landed butt first in the snow outside the student center. Seventy people gasped. Not one helped me up. I picked up my books as well as my pride,

From **RALLY:** Page 2

community," ABC Soup faculty sponsor and assistant professor of English Frank Bramlett said. "So, if you are a person who enjoys doing good things for the community, we have a home for you at Alphabet Soup. You could come and help us promote tolerance, diversity and equal rights."

Bramlett discussed the GLBT Dialogue Committee's Safe Space program, where students and faculty can express their support to individuals who may be confronting difficult issues related to sexual orientations by displaying a decal that indicates they are willing to discuss these issues in a confidential, non-judgmental way.

"One day, we want there not to be a need for this," Bramlett said. "But right now there is that need. So look for this symbol and know that you have friends."

Bramlett went on to explain why how the program works.

"If you see this on a door, or a locker, or a window, or a desk, you know that you have a buddy who you can trust. You know that you can sit down and talk to this person, they might not know anything, but they are there for you. If you need a shoulder to cry on, this symbolizes a person with a shoulder to cry on."

Vikki Falcon, outreach coordinator for the Nebraska AIDS Project and current UNO graduate student, shared her coming out story.

"I think my coming out was probably typical," Falcon said. "I got caught at 16 with my current girlfriend at the time. So I was forced to talk about this with my family, and I really wasn't prepared or ready. Being Latina in Council Bluffs made it difficult. Plus, I was raised as a Jehovah's Witness. That feeling of being the only one was really profound when I was growing up."

Falcon said her coming out was difficult for her and her family.

"A lot of my family members and friends reacted very negatively. But, I was really proud of myself that I stood up and said, 'this is who I am, and you are either going to accept me or lose me.' I was very fortunate to have my family and friends come up behind me."

world differently.

Is there anything else you think is important for UNO students to know about you?

The issues that we deal with today will directly impact the students at UNO far more than they will impact the people in the Senate today. If you think we need to change the way things are done then you cannot send the same people back to Washington. You need to send people with a different perspective. I am not a career politician, and I will work to change Washington.

and dusted the snow off my now-wet jeans and realized that not only had I just embarrassed myself, but I also completely lost faith in my fellow students.

And please, at the end of your shuttle bus excursion, say "thank you." Yes, the drivers may play questionable, if not awful, music, but that is no cause for having bad manners.

I know I may come off a little harsh, but I think too often we ignore the rules of social courtesy. We write them off because we are too busy or don't care what others think of us. However, first impressions are the most important and, so far, I am not impressed.

Falcon praised the work campus organizations are doing to reach out to gay and lesbian students.

"I am really excited to see organizations like this, because I didn't have any of this when I was growing up," she said. "This was a long time ago when I came out, so I didn't know anyone who was gay, there were no organizations to belong to and there was nobody to reach out to."

Community members also participated in the rally. Susie Brenner, Pastor Wayne Moore, and 2006 Nebraska Pride Idol Ryan Klause sang at the event.

"When I got here today, I didn't really remember what it was like being in college and being out," Klause said.

He said he had some difficult experiences in college, once other students



photo by Michael McManus

Anna Johnston embraces her girlfriend, who wishes to remain anonymous, while they watch the National Coming Out Week rally.

learned that he was gay.

"I had a lot of haters," Klause said. "I was harassed to the point that the police had to confiscate my answering machine, it was a really rough time, so I can identify with anyone that is having problems here. My life is a lot different now, I am living as an open, gay man, and I'm perfectly fine with that."

"I hope that we here make a difference," Gonzalez said. "I hope that GLBT people will find this empowerment to stand up and say I'm gay, and I'm happy with it."

From **CAN STACKING:** Page 1

The process of judging was incredibly subjective, said Adams, who had judged in previous years.

"We actually try and spread the awards around," he said.

Even though the day was cold, eight teams showed up to stack their cans, which were collected beforehand either personally or from donations.

During the event people had fun knowing that they were doing good for others, said Nancy Lee, the program manager for the Omaha Food Bank.

"There was a great turn-out this year," said Lee. "Lots of vegetables, lots of tuna, lots of useable food. It's especially great because this time of year, it's getting much colder and the food helps that much more."

Shandy Ramet, Corbin's graduate assistant and one of the judges, said she was glad to help since it was for a good cause,

which was a sentiment echoed in all the teams.

The Faculty Senate team was pleased with their construction and felt sure they would win this year.

"We've got four doctorates between us. We've got a strategy, but it's a secret," said Amanda Randall, an assistant professor for the department of social work.

"Not like the Freedom Tower in New York [City], we've got some altitude," Faculty Senate President Jim Shaw said, as he looked his team's tower of cans.

"Our cans, well, we actually stole the cans from the students," said Shaw jokingly.

After the event, the food was loaded into a truck and shipped to the Food Bank, where it would then be sorted and delivered to needy families and individuals in Nebraska and Western Iowa.

From **DULLI:** Page 9

contributions to The Twilight Singers. Lanegan has been recording and performing with the group extensively over the last three years. On the band's Myspace.com page, myspace.com/twilightssingers, Dulli and Lanegan are referred to as "The Gutter Twins" in one photo caption.

Powder Burns fostered the song "Bonnie Brae" which ended up as the music for a pivotal scene in the F/X drama "Rescue Me" this summer.

Despite this swipe at large scale commercial success he says his presentation and attitude don't bend to the will of any scene or tour stop.

"Why would I do that?" he asks with indignation in his voice. "I've been doing

this for over 20 years. Every town has some kind of scene."

Even though he is irritated by the last question, Dulli, a confirmed bachelor with a silver tongue and a way with the ladies, still flirts a little while we wrap up our conversation.

"Love happens when it happens," he says with a sly laugh. "To be with a particular person is selfish. I like to spread myself around."

The Twilight Singers will be at Omaha's Sokol Underground on Oct. 30. The all ages show starts at 9 p.m. Tickets are available for \$15 at onepercentproductions.com or at any Homer's location. The Stars of Track and Field as well as Jeff Klein will open.

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Bock said the task force is ready and willing to invest time into preventing students from high-risk drinking.

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drinkers, you don't have much of an investment with that," he said. "So to help students market themselves better we are willing to invest time to prevent that from happening."

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